## Summary of The Military in Wasatch County, Utah

The Military was not new to the Mormons: The Nauvoo Legion was organized in Illinois, on Saturday, 1st of May 1841; to protect themselves against mobsters. (Details found in "History of the Church" Vol IV:353)

The volunteering of the Mormon Battalion in 1846, for the Mexican War, proved to be the longest steady march in Military History, from Camp Kearny, Nebraska to San Diego, California....over 2000 miles.

Arrival of the Utah Pioneers 24th July 1847 into The Great Salt Lake Valley.

Settling and colonizing of many areas throughout Utah, Idaho, Nevada, California, Wyoming etc. and even in Canada and Mexico etc. by Mormon Colonists, from 1847 thru the 1870s.

Next, the building of Forts at strategic points in the various settlements, to protect the settlers from marauding depredations of the native Americans, from 1847 thru the 1870s.

Establishing of the "Buffalo Soldiers," in White Rocks and Fort Duchesne to keep the peace after the Civil War of the USA.

First, the Military organized in Utah:

The Nauvoo Legion name was revived in Great Salt Lake City, and first Utah Mil organized during March, April and May of 1849, in the State of Deseret, under the direction of Generals Charles C Rich and Daniel Hamner Wells (hero of the first Nauvoo Legion in Nauvoo, Illinois.)

Next, several Indian Wars and Confrontations inluding the Battle Creek War in Pleasant Grove under command of Colonel John Scott of 1849, involved here, was our 1st Presiding Bishop Joseph Stacy Murdock and Orrin Porter Rockwell; the Batttle at Fort Utah in Provo on 8th Feb 1850; the Walkara War of 1853, under the command of Col. George A Smith. The Tintic Incident occured 22 Feb 1856.

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Then upon the heels of the Civil War, began the Black Hawk War of 10th April 1865 which lasted thru 20th Aug 1867, mainly in Severe, Piute and Sanpete and even into Washington Counties.

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(Col. Albert Sidney Johnston's Army arrived at Echo Canyon Sep 1857).

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Next, in August of 186l, Lincoln called the 3rd California Infantry, under command of Col. Patrick Edward Connor, and the 2nd California Cavalry under the command of Major Edward McGary to combine under Col. Connor and march to Utah. They left Benecia Barracks on East San Francisco Bay on 12 July 1862 and arrived in SLCU 9th Sep 1862 to take the place of the Johnston's Army. Connor refused using Fort Crittenden, declaring it inadequate. So he set up Camp Douglas on the east Salt Lake foothills to overwatch the City, and it's people. This became known as the 700 California Volunteers of Col. Connor.

Next, 29th Jan 1863, 200 of Col. Patrick Edward Connors's troops defeated a band of about 400 Shoshonis on Bear Creek on the Bear River.

With NO war to fight with the Mormons, Connor allowed his men to take leave and prospect for precious metals in the hills of Utah--hence he became known as the Father of Mining in Utah.

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